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SUBJECT: STAFFDEL BRYEN/RICHARDSON: TIMING OF TURKISH DCA

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1. STAFFDEL HAS HAD SUCCESSFUL APPOINTMENTS WITH A VARIETY OF GOVERNMENT AND NON OFFICIAL GREEK PERSONALITIES DURING THEIR STAY IN ATHENS. SO FAR THEY HAVE MET WITH DEPUTY FORMIN STAVROPOULOS AND AMB JOHN TZOUNIS AT THE MINISTRY OF FORAFFAIRS, PROFESSOR JOHN PESMAZOGLU AND UNION OF THE DEMOCRATIC CENTER LEADER GEORGE MAVROS. RICHARDSON MET WITH DEFENSE MINISTER AVEROFF.

2. IN ALL OF THEIR MEETINGS, THE STAFFDEL HAS BEEN PURSUING THE QUESTION OF THE TURKISH AND GREEK DCA'S. DEFENSE MINISTER AVEROFF STRONGLY URGED RICHARDSON THAT THE US CONGRESS SHOULD DELAY ACTING ON THE TURKISH DCA UNTIL SUCH TIME AS IT CAN BE CONSIDERED ALONG WITH THE GREEK DCA. AVEROFF STATED THAT IF THE TURKISH DCA WERE PASSED RAPIDLY THE GREEKS, ESPECIALLY POPULAR OPINION, WOULD BECOME VERY ANTAGONISTIC TOWARDS THE US. IF THE TURKISH DCA WERE NOT PASSED, OF COURSE, THE TURKS WOULD BECOME ANGRY WITH THE US. THEREFORE, CONTINUED AVEROFF, THE US SHOULD INDEED HOLD OFF  
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PASSING THE TURKISH DCA UNTIL IT COULD BE CONSIDERED,

PRESUMABLY FAVORABLY, ALONG WITH THE GREEK DCA. HE ADDED THAT HE HAD GIVEN INSTRUCTIONS, AT LEAST TO THOSE OFFICIALS UNDER HIS CONTROL, NOT TO GET BOGGED DOWN IN MINUTE DETAIL AND TO CONCLUDE THE DCA NEGOTIATIONS FORTHWITH.

3. IN THE FOREIGN MINISTRY, BOTH STAVROPOULOS AND TZOUNIS REFUSED TO BE DRAWN INTO A DISCUSSION AS TO THE TIMING OF THE CONGRESSIONAL CONSIDERATION OF THE TURKISH DCA, SIMPLY STATING THAT IT WAS AN INTERNAL US MATTER AND GREECE SHOULD NOT STATE AN OFFICIAL POSITION. MAVROS, AND ESPECIALLY PESMAZOGLOU, WERE VEHEMENT IN CONDEMNING THE TURKISH DCA AND URGED ITS NON-APPROVAL. KUBISCH

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